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SUBJECT: COMMENT BY MEXICAN ECONOMIC EXPERTS ON MFM CONFERENCE

1. COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM SEVERAL ECONOMIC ADVISERS ON MEXICAN DELEGATION TO MFM CONFERENCE, INCLUDING THOSE OUTLINED BELOW, INDICATE GENUINE PLEASURE AND OPTIMISM REGARDING THE RESULTS OF THE CONFERENCE:

(A) ENRIQUE LOAEZA, ASSISTANT TO SECRETARY OF TRASURY LOPEZ PROTILLO, SAID THAT THE SECRETARY CONSIDERED IT AN IMPORTANT STEP TOWARD THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW RELATIONS BETWEEN U.S. AND
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LATIN AMERICA. HE COMMENTED THAT IN DISCUSSING THE CONFERENCE

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WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE MEXICAN DELEGATION IT HAD BEEN NOTED THAT SEVERAL OF THE SPECIFIC STEPS SUGGESTED FOR IMPROVING U.S. RELATIONS WITH OTHER HEMISPHERIC COUNTRIES HAVE ALREADY BEEN TAKEN HERE. AS EXAMPLES, THE VISIT OF AMBASSADOR EBERLE TO MEXICO LAST AUGUST WAS MENTIONED AS WELL AS THE CLOSE RELATIONS WHICH MEXICAN TREASURY HAS MAINTAINED WITH U.S. OFFICIALS ON GATT AND OTHER MTN MATTERS.
(B) JUAN AIZPURU, NEW EXPORT-IMPORT MANAGER OF PETROLEOS MEXICANOS, WAS IMPRESSED WITH FRANK AND FORTHRIGHT PRESENTATION BY SECRETARY KISSINGER AND BELIEVED THAT NEW DIALOUGE WOULD RESULT FROM MEETING. HE EXPRESSED SOME SURPRISE AT THE LACK OF DISCUSSION OF THE ENERGY QUESTION.

2. COMMENTS BY MEXICAN OFFICIALS AS REPORTED IN PRESS INCLUDE:
(A) TREASURY SECRETARY LOPEZ PORTILLO: CONFERENCE WILL STRENGTHEN HEMISPHERIC TIES AND ADVANCE PROGRESS OF LATIN AMERICAN INTEGRATION. FAVORABLE MENTION MADE OF U.S. INTEREST IN GENERALIZED TARIFF PREFERENCES, LATIN AMERICAN PARTICIPATION IN RESTRUCTURING OF INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SYSTEM, RESOURCE TRANSFER TO LDC'S AND TRANSFER OF NEEDED TECHNOLOGY.

(B) ERNESTO FERNANDEZ HURTADO, DIRECTOR, BANCO DE MEXICO: SECRETARY KISSINGER'S SPEECH VERY CLEARLY SEPARATED TWO MATTERS: EXISTENCE OF PROBLEMS REMAINING FROM THE PAST WHICH MUST BE SOLVED IN ORDER NOT TO LEAVE SHADOWS ON THE FUTURE AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, HOW TO MOVE IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION TO BRING ABOUT SOLUTIONS TO THESE PROBLEMS. "THIS IS WHAT LATIN AMERICAN AND THE U.S. MUST DO AND IN MY JUDGMENT THIS THE BEST WAY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE CONFERENCE.

(C) JORGE DE LA VEGA DOMINGUEZ, DIRECTOR GENERAL, CONASUPO: "THE PRECISE AND APT WORDS OF SECRETARY KISSINGER RAISE THE POSSIBILITY OF CLOSER RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES."

(D) JULIO FAESLER, DIRECTOR GERNERAL, MEXICAN FOREIGN TRADE INSTITURE: "THE MEXICAN FOREIGN TRADE INSTITUTE PAID CLOSE ATTENTION TO SECRETARY KISSINGER ON GENERALIZED TRADE PREFERENCES WHICH WILL HELP OUR EXPORTS."
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